



# Range Review

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to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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## HAY PRICES REMAIN STEADY

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during June was 121 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 1 point (1 percent) from May and down 2 points (2 percent) from June 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 118, was down 3 points (2 percent) from May and down 8 points (6 percent) from June 2006. Prices for cattle were down from last month, but sheep and lamb prices were up. Calves, steers and heifers, and lambs were down from last year while sheep prices were up and cows were unchanged. Cow prices averaged \$48.50 per hundredweight, down \$3.50 from May and unchanged from June 2006. Steer and heifer prices, at \$100.00 per hundredweight, were down \$4.00 from last month and down \$9.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$123.00 per hundredweight, down \$2.00 from last month and \$10.00 lower than June 2006. Sheep prices, at \$30.10, were \$1.80 above May and \$7.00 above last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$95.00, were \$3.00 above last month but \$6.00 lower than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 131, was unchanged from May but up 21 points (19 percent) from last June. Crop prices for corn and wheat were higher than last month. Prices for oats, dry beans, and hay were unchanged. Prices were above last year for all crops. Corn averaged \$2.55 per bushel, up 5 cents from both May and last year. Wheat averaged \$5.00 per bushel, up 40 cents from May, and up 75 cents from last year. Dry beans averaged \$24.70 per hundredweight in June, unchanged from May but up \$7.00 from last year. Alfalfa hay, unchanged from last month but up \$35.00 per ton from last year, was \$114.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$111.00 per ton, was also unchanged from May and up \$36.00 from last year. Hay prices remained the highest since April 2003.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 2 points (1.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, corn, lettuce, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for cantaloups, cattle, tomatoes, and eggs.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of oranges, strawberries, tomatoes, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (19 percent) from June 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 141, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from last month and increased 22 points (18 percent) from June 2006.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, JUNE 2006, MAY 2007, AND JUNE 15, 2007								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		JUNE 2006	MAY 2007	JUNE 15 2007	JUNE 2006	MAY 2007	JUNE 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	48.50	52.00	48.50	46.80	51.60	50.00	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	109.00	104.00	100.00	88.20	98.10	94.00	—
Calves	100#	133.00	125.00	123.00	135.00	126.00	125.00	41
Sheep	100#	23.10	28.30	30.10	28.20	30.30	1/	—
Lambs	100#	101.00	92.00	95.00	92.10	96.60	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.50	2.50	2.55	2.14	3.49	3.77	47
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.70	1.70	1.90	2.49	2.55	57
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	2/	2/	2.08	3.20	3.34	—
All Wheat	Bu.	4.25	4.60	5.00	3.98	4.88	5.28	49
Dry Beans	100#	17.70	24.70	24.70	19.00	24.40	24.80	44
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	79.00	114.00	114.00	115.00	144.00	137.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	75.00	111.00	111.00	90.10	116.00	111.00	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/Insufficient ales								
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		JUNE 2006	MAY 2007	JUNE 15 2007	JUNE 2006	MAY 2007	JUNE 15 2007	
All Commodities		123	122	121	118	138	141	
All Crops		110	131	131	127	143	146	
All Livestock and Products		126	121	118	110	134	136	

## ACRES PLANTED TO WYOMING CROPS INCREASE IN 2007

Results of the annual June acreage survey indicate that **Wyoming** producers have 1.50 million acres in crop production in 2007. This acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for alfalfa and other hay, is 1 percent larger than in 2006. Acreage planted to grain and row crops totaled 404,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2006.

Wyoming producers planted 150,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, unchanged from the previous year; 135,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, also the same as last year. **Spring wheat** seedings totaled 8,000 acres in 2007, same as last year; 6,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, also the same as last year. Acreage planted to **oats** was down 3,000 acres from last year to 45,000 acres; 12,000 acres are expected for grain, unchanged from last year. **Barley** area planted, at 60,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from 2006. A total of 45,000 acres of barley are expected to be harvested for grain, down 12,000 acres from 2006.

A total of 85,000 acres of **corn** were planted statewide, unchanged from 2006; 45,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, also unchanged from 2006. **Dry bean** planted acreage, at 25,000 acres, is down 14 percent from 2006; 24,000 acres of dry beans are expected to be harvested, down 13 percent from last year. **Sugarbeet** acreage is down 28 percent from last year to 31,000 acres planted, 30,000 acres are expected to be harvested for sugar which would be down 25 percent from a year ago.

Producers expect to harvest 1.1 million acres of **all hay** in 2007, which would be up 5 percent from last year. The acreage is comprised of 550,000 acres of **alfalfa**, up 50,000 acres from 2006, and 550,000 acres of **other hay**, unchanged from last year.

**UNITED STATES:** The 2007 **winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 45.1 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous estimate and up 11 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain is forecasted at 37.6 million acres, up 1 percent from the June forecast and up 21 percent from last year.

Area planted to **spring wheat other than durum** for 2007 is estimated at 13.1 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. Grain area is expected to total 12.7 million acres, down 8 percent from 2006.

Growers seeded 4.04 million acres of **barley** for 2007, up 17 percent from the 3.45 million acres seeded last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.54 million, are up 20 percent from 2006.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** totals 1.26 million acres, down 8 percent from 2006. The area for harvest is forecast at 1.22 million acres, down 7 percent from 2006.

The 2007 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.9 million acres, up 19 percent from 2006 and 14 percent higher than 2005. This is the highest planted area since 1944, when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. Growers expect to harvest 85.4 million acres for grain, up 21 percent from 2006 to the highest level since 1933.

U.S. **dry bean** growers planted 1.50 million acres for 2007, down 8 percent from both last year and two years ago. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.42 million, down 7 percent from both last year and 2005.

Producers expect to harvest 61.8 million acres of **all hay** in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 21.5 million acres, is up marginally from last year. Expected area for harvest of all other types of hay totals 40.3 million acres, up 2 percent from 2006.

### ACRES PLANTED AND TO BE HARVESTED, WYOMING AND U.S., FINAL 2006 AND JUNE 2007

Crop	Planted		Harvested	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
<b>WYOMING</b>				
Corn-Grain 1/	85	85	45	45
Winter Wheat	150	150	135	135
Spring Wheat	8	8	6	6
Oats	48	45	12	12
Barley	70	60	57	45
Sugarbeets	42.8	31.0	40.1	30.0
Dry Beans	29.0	25.0	27.5	24.0
Alfalfa Hay	—	—	500	550
Other Hay	—	—	550	550
All Hay	—	—	1,050	1,100
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Corn-Grain 1/	78,327	92,888	70,648	85,418
Winter Wheat	40,575	45,136	31,117	37,588
Spring Wheat	14,899	13,144	13,878	12,733
Oats	4,168	3,860	1,576	1,612
Barley	3,452	4,044	2,951	3,542
Sugarbeets	1,366.2	1,263.0	1,303.6	1,217.5
Dry Beans	1,629.8	1,498.5	1,537.6	1,423.4
Alfalfa Hay	—	—	21,384	21,451
Other Hay	—	—	39,423	40,338
All Hay	—	—	60,807	61,789

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on June 1, 2007. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2006 and 5 percent above June 1, 2005. This is highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.16 million, 13 percent above 2006 but 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 2.06 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420,000, 600-699 pounds were 374,000, 700-799 pounds were 645,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.09 million, 3 percent below 2006 but 4 percent above 2005.

**Other disappearance** totaled 99,000 during May, 14 percent below 2006 but 3 percent above 2005.

## CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE, 2006-2007 1/

State	On Feed May 1, 2007	Place- ments May 2007	Market- ings May 2007	Other Disapp. May 2007	On Feed June 1, 2007	On Feed June 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	1,020	175	155	20	1,020	1,030
KS	2,350	465	500	25	2,290	2,400
NE	2,420	390	500	20	2,290	2,120
TX	2,680	710	510	10	2,870	2,960
Oth Sts.	2,827	419	420	24	2,802	2,677
U.S.	11,297	2,159	2,085	99	11,272	11,187

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## U.S. COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM JUNE 2006

**WYOMING:** Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during June 2007 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 8 percent from last month and down 17 percent from June 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in June, down 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 635,000 pounds, down 18 percent from June 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,171 pounds, down 33 pounds from last year.

A total of 200 **hogs and pigs** were processed, down 100 head from last June. Total live weight, at 64,000 pounds, was down 10 percent from June 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 260 pounds, down 6 pounds from last year.

Less than 100 **sheep and lambs** were processed in June, compared to 100 head last year. Total live weight and average live weight were not published in order to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Red meat production** from January to June 2007 totaled 3.1 million pounds, up 7 percent from the same period last year.

**United States:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.03 billion pounds in June, down 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in June 2006.

**Beef production**, at 2.35 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, down 3 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,250 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.65 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.30 million head, down 1 percent from June 2006. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.7 million pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,400 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, up 2 pounds from June a year ago.

## COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2006 AND 2007, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	June 2006	June 2007	June 2006	June 2007	07/06	June 2006	June 2007	June 2006	June 2007	07/06
	Head		1,000 Pounds		Percent	Head		1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	600	500	772	635	96	3,159,400	3,076,600	3,981,738	3,833,829	110
Hogs	300	200	71	64	158	8,343,100	8,297,100	2,223,316	2,210,457	107
Sheep & Lambs	100	1/	11	1/		211,500	200,400	28,557	27,404	110

1/Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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## FIRST BARLEY FORECAST FOR WYOMING DOWN 12 PERCENT

**WYOMING:** On July 1, Wyoming producers indicated that they plan to harvest 45,000 acres of barley for grain. Their expected yield, at 92 bushels per acre, is up 9 bushels per acre from a year ago. Total production, at 4.14 million bushels, is down 12 percent from 2006.

**UNITED STATES:** Barley production for 2007 is forecast at 231 million bushels, 28 percent above 2006 and 9 percent higher than 2005. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the U.S. is forecast at 65.2 bushels per acre, up 4.2 bushels from last year. Expected area to be harvested as grain or seed, at 3.54 million acres, is up 20 percent from 2006.

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels. This is down 3 percent from last month but 20 percent above 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 37.6 million acres, up 21 percent from last year.

**Other Spring wheat** production is forecast at 498 million bushels, 8 percent above 2006. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 12.7 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 39.1 bushels per acre, up 5.9 bushels from 2006.

**Oat** production is forecast at 101 million bushels, 8 percent above last year's record low 93.8 million bushels. Based on conditions as of July 1, the yield is forecast at 62.6 bushels per acre, up 3.1 bushels from 2006. Expected area to be harvested as grain or seed is 1.61 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

## WYOMING MILK COWS INCREASE SLIGHTLY

**WYOMING:** The number of milk cows in Wyoming during April - June 2007 averaged 7,200 head. The number was up 100 head from the previous quarter and 500 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during the second quarter of 2007 was 34.2 million pounds, up 18 percent from the previous quarter, and up 11 percent from the same quarter last year.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 47.4 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 2,000 head less than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., APR-JUN, 2006 AND 2007					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	6.7	7.2	30.8	34.2	+11.0
CA	1,785	1,800	9,898	10,261	+3.7
CO	110	116	644	679	+5.4
ID	484	505	2,757	2,879	+4.4
MT	19	18	92	85	-7.6
NE	61	59	289	277	-4.2
SD	81	85	382	420	+9.9
UT	85	85	435	447	+2.8
WI	1,242	1,247	5,986	6,133	+2.5
US	9,128	9,126	46,930	47,435	+1.1

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.